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SUBJECT: CYPRUS MISSING PERSONS

REF: A) NICOSIA 0042 B) NICOSIA 0034 C) CRAWFORD-MEZVINSKY-  
EWING AND CRAWFORD-EWING TELCONS 1/5/78

1. BASED ON NICOSIA REPORTING AND OTHER CONTACTS WITH  
INTERESTED PARTIES, DEPARTMENT HAS IMPRESSION THAT AGREE-  
MENT ON MISSING PERSONS COMMITTEE IS ATTAINABLE WITHIN  
RELATIVELY SHORT SPACE OF TIME. THE FEW REMAINING HURDLES  
WOULD APPEAR TO BE SURMOUNTABLE, PROVIDED THAT NEW ECEVIT  
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GOVERNMENT RAISES NO OBJECTION IN PRINCIPLE AND THAT THE  
GREEK CYPRIOTS ARE STILL PREPARED TO ACCEPT THE TERMS OF  
REFERENCE AS THEY PRESENTLY STAND. ON THE QUESTION OF  
TIMING, WE FULLY CONCUR THAT IT IS HIGHLY DESIRABLE TO HAVE  
AGREEMENT FINALIZED PRIOR TO WALDHEIM VISIT TO NICOSIA  
JANUARY 14-16.

2. WHILE DENKTASH AWAITS GO-AHEAD FROM ANKARA, WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD REVIEW FULLY STATE OF PLAY WITH ICRC. MEZVINSKY, ACCOMPANIED BY EUR/SE OFFICER CHAPMAN AND US MISSION GENEVA, ACCORDINGLY PLAN TO CONSULT WITH HOCHE AND OTHER SENIOR ICRC REPRESENTATIVES IN GENEVA WEEKEND OF JANUARY 7-8. MEZVINSKY INTENDS REVIEW WITH ICRC PLANNED SEQUENCE OF

ACTIONS TO BRING MIXED COMMITTEE INTO EXISTENCE FOLLOWING INITIALLING OF TERMS OF REFERENCE BY CYPRIOT PARTIES. IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE DENKTASH WISHES, MEZVINSKY WILL PROPOSE THAT ICRC LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE EMBODY ITS CONCEPT OF COMMITTEE'S OPERATION IN PRACTICE (AS EARLIER EXPRESSED BY ICRC TO GOT AND OURSELVES). IF THESE CONVERSATIONS IN GENEVA HAVE POSITIVE RESULTS AND FOLLOWING FURTHER CONSULTATION WITH AMBASSADOR CRAWFORD AND DEPARTMENT ON WEEKEND DEVELOPMENTS, MEZVINSKY WOULD THEN BE PREPARED TO PROCEED EARLY IN WEEK OF JANUARY 6 TO NICOSIA TO ASSIST AMBASSADOR CRAWFORD IN FINAL CONTACTS WITH CYPRIOT PARTIES.

3. WHILE IN NEW YORK JANUARY 5, MEZVINSKY WAS IN TOUCH WITH URQUHART AND INFORMED HIM OF PLAN TO CONSULT WITH ICRC IN GENEVA AND POSSIBLE ONWARD TRAVEL TO NICOSIA. URQUHART EXPRESSED ENCOURAGEMENT AT RECENT SIGNS OF MOVEMENT ON MISSING PERSONS ISSUE AND AGREED FULLY THAT STRONG EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO WRAP THINGS UP BEFORE WALDHEIM VISIT TO NICOSIA.

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4. FOR GENEVA: SEPTTEL CONTAINS REQUEST TO MEET MEZVINSKY/ CHAPMAN, ARRANGE ACCOMMODATIONS, AND TO SET UP APPOINTMENT WITH HOCHE JANUARY 7.

5. FOR NICOSIA: AS SOON AS FEASIBLE--GIVEN JANUARY 6 HOLIDAY--YOU SHOULD INFORM APPROPRIATE GOC AND TURKISH CYPRIOT OFFICIALS OF MEZVINSKY TRIP TO GENEVA. MEZVINSKY HAS ALREADY MENTIONED HIS PLANS INFORMALLY TO TURKISH CYPRIOT REPRESENTATIVE ATALAY IN NEW YORK (WHO WE UNDERSTAND WILL SHORTLY RETURN TO CYPRUS IN CONNECTION WALDHEIM VISIT).

6. FOR ANKARA: YOU SHOULD SIMILARLY INFORM MFA OF MEZVINSKY TRIP TO GENEVA. YOU SHOULD ALSO MENTION THAT, IF HE RECEIVES POSITIVE REACTION FROM ICRC, MEZVINSKY MIGHT THEN PROCEED TO NICOSIA TO ASSIST IN FINALIZING THE AGREEMENT. WE ALSO SUGGEST THAT EMBASSY DIRECTLY OR THROUGH MFA LET TURKISH UNREP TURKMEN KNOW OF FOREGOING. CHRISTOPHER

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